

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

ABSENT None.

Mayor Grove recognized City Attorney Jim McPhedran of Raccuglia & Associates for receiving the designation of "Super Lawyer" in the State of Illinois and presented him with a plaque commemorating the honor. An additional plaque will hang in the Council Chambers. Mr. McPhedran was then applauded. Mr. McPhedran thanked the Mayor and Council and he said that his office, and himself personally, appreciated the opportunity and privilege to be of service to the City of LaSalle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the minutes of the last regular council meeting held Tuesday, March 6, 2012 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes that the council goes out of order from the printed agenda for discussion regarding RHMg's Master Plan for LaSalle Rotary Park & Prairie Park and potential action and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Marcia McCutchan of RHMg said the Park Development Committee met several times recently and made a list of potential ways to save costs. Phase 1 must contain fishing on a body of water with a trail. An alternative to cut costs was to create another pond with a fishing outlook, and provide a shortened walking path. Ms. McCutchan is going back to the DNR to see if they would be receptive to the proposed changes. Once she hears from DNR she can finish her design.

Ms. McCutchan passed out a cost estimate with preliminary probable costs with committed and possible donations. She gave other options to save on costs. She suggested that the trails be changed from a paved surface to a crushed gravel surface. She said she removed the discovery walk that was not included in the original OSLAD Grant. The extra soccer field could also be removed to save some money. Reducing the rubber

surface on the playground could be considered. Perhaps additional funding could be found, particularly for the playground, and the last option was to cut back on the playground items themselves. Basically she suggested a bid alternate for a crushed stone trail instead of the paved trail, and putting in as an alternate, perhaps two soccer goals rather than four.

Alderman Lavieri said he did want to mention that Gary Gearhart said he had an anonymous donor that wanted to give \$50,000.00 for the naming rights to the playground

Tom Pigati of the Park Board said eliminating the soccer field is not an option. The Bottom line is the playground could be scaled back, but if we can get everything done without scaling down the playground, hopefully that won't be necessary - if we can receive donations. Gary Gearhart would like to save Foundation Money for Phase 2.

Ms. McCutchan said the project is close to \$800,000.00. When bids are put out, they will give the City the ability to reject any and all bids and they will write in that the base bid will be based on the alternate that the City considers in its best interest.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that approval is given for the plan design for Phase 1 for LaSalle Rotary Park & Prairie Park.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the request from Joanne Milby, Race Director/Volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association for permission to have the 5th Annual "Boo" Milby Memory 5K race in the City of LaSalle on Saturday, August 18, 2012. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Treasurers' Report for February 2012 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$564,929.26 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$1,992,521.31 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for February 2012 of \$19,807.17 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue reports for December 2011 showing sales tax of \$84,096.60 and referendum approved sales tax of \$37,026.57 for a total of \$121,123.17 are accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the Mayor's proclamations declaring May 2012 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of LaSalle and April 2012 as Fair Housing Month in the City of LaSalle are accepted and placed on file each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

May 2012 as Motorcycle Awareness Month

April 2012 as Fair Housing Month

STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Bacidore, Chairman of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee reported that at the present time the Committee would not act on the request for a Resident Only parking sign at 1214 8th Street. The parking situation will be monitored.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to remove the handicapped parking spot at 749 1st Street is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to remove the handicapped parking spot in front of 209 Gooding Street is granted.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that authorization is given for the City to advertise in the LaSalle County Tourism Magazine.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Demes reported that the Mapping Committee will sponsor a Canal Market Day/Craft Show on the 4th Saturday of every month beginning May 26, 2012. The market/craft show will be held in the LaSalle State Bank parking lot from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. This event will be held monthly through the summer months and funds raised will go to Support Mapping 1 and their goal to Light up Downtown.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan that Ordinance No. 2332: Amendment to Rental Licensing Ordinance (amend Ordinance No. 1800 and Ordinance No. 2206) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2332: Amendment to Rental Licensing Ordinance (amend Ordinance No. 1800 and Ordinance No. 2206)

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Resolution No. 201205: Council Resolution of Support for Illinois CDBG Disaster Recovery program grant is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 201205: Council Resolution of Support for Illinois CDBG Disaster Recovery program grant

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No.2333: An Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Agreement with HR Green, Inc. is accepted and passed; each alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No.2333: An Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Agreement with HR Green, Inc.

7:40 P.M. Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the council goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters

8:47 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon that bills submitted totaling \$146,889.68 (Payroll \$0; bills to be paid \$116,009.43 bills paid \$30,880.25) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNED 8:50 P. M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk